

Letter and enclosure from Charles J. Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, October 4, 1912

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L Capital and Surplus C J B Charles J. Bell \$5,000,000 President Washington, D. C .
October 4, 1912 Dr. Alexander Graham Bell Baddeck Cape Breton, N.S. Canada My dear
Alec:

Sometime last July I forwarded you a bill from Messrs. Mauro, Cameron, Lewis and Massie for services up to that date, to which I have had no reply. I now enclose an additional bill showing the amount due them to be \$593.04, and I presume they will want this paid at an early date. Will you not advise me what I am to do in the matter, as I have only about \$90. on hand as Trustee of the Aerial Experimental Association, and it will be necessary to call for another assessment. I do not know how much more of a lawyer's bill you expect to pay out.

Kindly return the enclosure.

Yours faithfully

LAW OFFICES OF **MAURO, CAMERON, LEWIS & MASSIE**, 700 TENTH ST.,
N. W, WASHINGTON, D. C. (TRIBUNE BLDG, 154 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.)
WASHINGTON, October 1, 1912. C. J. BELL, TRUSTEE, to MAURO, CAMERON, LEWIS
& MASSIE, Dr.

To professional services and disbursements, as follows:

Bell et al. v. Myers, Interference N o 34,455 on Bell et al. Patent N o 1,011,106.

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July 5,6,8,11,15,17,18,22,23. Attendance at Patent Office re extension of time for filing preliminary statements, interviewing the Examiner of Interferences, telegraphing Mr. McCurdy, preparing motion for extension of time, preparing supplemental preliminary statements, wiring Mr. Curtiss re whereabouts of Mr. McCurdy, further attendance at Patent Office studying Myers' file wrapper and contents, considering whole case with relation to motions, interviewing Primary Examiner to secure right to inspect Myers' original application, and oral argument, studying Myers' said application Serial N o 466,080, filed Dec. 5, 1908 and voluminous papers connected therewith, preparation of extended report to Dr. Bell, preparation of motion papers to dissolve, \$95.00

Aug. 9,12,15,16,17. Filing motion papers, serving notice on Myers and preparing affidavit of service, studying Myers' motion papers to dissolve, search for and consideration of authorities in regard to time for filing motions and specific character of such motions, studying Myers' proposed claims and comparing same with patented claims of Bell et al., preparation of brief in opposition to Myers' motion to dissolve and redeclare, argument in opposition to said motion and attendance before Examiner of Interferences and oral argument on Bell et al. motion to dissolve, 80.00

\$175.00

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FORWARDED \$175.00

Miscellaneous.

July 5,8,9. Telegrams to New York and Hammondsport, 1.10

July 18. Government charge for copy of Myers' specification of application Ser. N o 657,719, 1.80

Cost of prints of Myers' drawings, .60

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\$178.50

July 1. To account rendered, 414.54

\$593.04

July 8, 1912 Dr. Alexander Graham Bell Baddeck, Cape Breton N.S. Canada My dear Alec:

Enclosed I hand you a bill received this morning from Messrs. Mauro, Cameron, Lewis and Massie. Will you not advise me whether this is a proper charge for me to pay as Trustee. I have now to the credit of the Trustee account the sum of \$90.20, thus in order to meet this bill will have to make another assessment.

Yours faithfully Trustee, Aerial Experimental Asso.

July 1st, 1912. C. J. BELL, TRUSTEE, to MAURO, CAMERON, LEWIS & MASSIE, Dr.

To professional services and disbursements, as follows:

Bell et al. v. Myers, Interference No 34,455.

Feb. 24. Interview Examiner re prospective interference;

Mch. 14. Considering declaration of interference, considering records re dates of invention, drafting preliminary statement for Dr. Bell;

Mch. 15. Attendance at Dr. Bell's home, discussing data re preliminary statements and proofs, and visit to Mr. C. J. Bell;

Mch. 18. Interview Mr. C. J. Bell, examining portfolios of blueprints and volumes and Beinn Bhreagh Recorder;

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Mch. 19. Examining A.E.A. Bulletins for data for statements, etc.,

Mch. 21. Consultation Messrs. Cameron and Kerkam re allegations of preliminary statements and situation, \$75.00

Mch. 20,21. Further examination A. E. A. Bulletins, letter to Mr. Curtiss re conference;

Mch. 27,28. Considering situation, telegraphing Curtiss Co. re location of Mr. Curtiss, various phone calls to Mr. Cline, telegraphing Mr. McCurdy in New York and Mr. Curtiss at Coronado, Cal.,

Mch. 30. Attendance at #1780 Broadway, interviewing Mr. McCurdy re conception of balancing rudders normally arranged at zero angle of incidence, re Myers, re evidence, etc., 80.00

Expenses, 12.65

Cost of four telegrams, 2.66

Apr. 1,2,3. Conferences Mr. Lewis and Mr. Kerkam re joint inventorship of interference issue, search for and considering various authorities bearing on question of joint inventorship; drafting preliminary statements for Dr. Bell, and Messrs. Curtiss, McCurdy, Baldwin and Selfridge, 60.00

\$230.31

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FORWARDED, \$230.31

Apr. 6. Attention to interference, preparation letters transmitting five preliminary statements, with instructions re same; etc.,

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Apr. 9. Attendance on and conferring with Dr. Bell re dates in preliminary statement, search A. E. A. Bulletins and B. B. Recorder for Bell-Baldwin letter re lateral balancing rudders and date of Prof. Bell's visit to Hammondsport to see White Wing, telegrams to Messrs. McCurdy and Curtiss, etc., 40.00

Apr. 15,16. Attendance on Dr. Bell at Volta Bureau to see Mr. McCurdy; extended conference Dr. Bell and Mr. McCurdy re date of conception, securing execution of preliminary statements, attendance at Patent Office filing stipulation for extension of time presented by Myers, and correspondence with Myers and Mr. Curtiss;

Apr. 20. Extended conference in New York with Mr. Curtiss re dates of conception, reduction to practice, etc., interviewing Messrs. Benner and Kleckler et al., attendance re dictation of memorandum by Mr. Curtiss of dates and Myers, and leaving preliminary statement for execution, 75.00

Expenses, 30.00

Apr. 9,10,17,24. Cost of various telegrams, 2.73

Apr. 29. Attendance at Dr. Bell's, conference re interference, etc., examining Lieut. Selfridge's notebook, dictating letters to Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Selfridge re new preliminary statements, and forwarding statements for execution, 20.00

June 15. Preparation of five supplemental preliminary statements, to include allegations re drawings, letters of instructions, etc., 15.00

June 20. Notary's charge for attendance upon and execution of Dr. Bell's supplemental statement, 1.50

\$414.54